



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**NEWSLETTER** 

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### It's June already. Time seems to move so fast.

We are acutely aware of the movement of time. We are constantly trying to make deadlines. Seconds tick by and we feel like we can never regain them. Time is a constant stream that runs on with or without us. *This view of time can be exhausting, agonizing, and overwhelming.* 

**But the Bible offers us a different view of time.** The Greek word for this different understanding of time is **Kairos**: every moment is the right time for something. One of the most beautiful images of this is Ecclesiastes 3, It begins, "For everything there is a season. A right time for everything under the sun." Read the first 17 verses of chapter 3 and take some time to think about it.

Every moment is an opportunity to seize. In this moment you have time to love and care. In this moment you have time to feel and experience the wonder all around. In this moment you have time to walk with and experience the presence of God. In this moment you have time to grow and learn. Every moment is full of potential. Every moment is different and calls us to be in that moment. Every moment is a gift.

In the summer many of us have time to step back from the normal flow of things and see things in new ways. We have an opportunity to experience the movement of time in a different way. Notice the moments and practice making the most of each moment, cherishing it rather than trying to cling to it. Look for God in the moments you are given and breathe a prayer of thanks.

It can be a challenge to see time this way in a world that is constantly calling us to do more and be more all the time. Our tendency is to try to squeeze more into each moment. *Instead, God invites us to ask what is most important in this moment and then embrace that reality.* We can do this if we truly trust that God holds all time and will give us the gift of each moment in the future as well.

Henry Drummond reflects the biblical truth of **Kairos** in the following words: "I shall pass through this world but once.

Any good therefore that I can do...or ANY kindness that I can show...
to ANY human being, let me do it NOW.

Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

Pastol Custy

May each moment be a blessing to embrace. This is a gift of God.

Pastor Dave and Pastor Cristy



MOUNITY OUTREACH Sometimes hands, other times through collections, but always making a difference for others — God's Work. Our Hands.

#### **BLUE LOTUS FARM & RETREAT CENTER | MAY 6 - MAY 16 - MAY 24**

MAY DAYS OF SERVICE | When Blue Lotus asked for help three different days during the month of May, Trinity members helped answer the call—each giving of their time and labor to help this beautiful and vital community outreach facility get ready for the summer season.



### May 20th - Tab Toss Day!

Even just a handful of tabs here and there ADD UP through the year... this year, the Wilson family delivered

### 154 pounds of pop tabs

for Ronald McDonald House!



# You are making a difference—one handful at a time!

Thank you for helping us keep families close!

The 2024 collection has begun, please keep those pop tabs coming!









THANK YOU TRINITY VOLUNTEERS:

Suzanne & Jim Barker, Greg Griffin, Jim Klatt, Ethan Omernick, the Pawlowski family, Chris Pamperin, Chris Budoff,

Denise Kenworthy, Candy Sarauer and Hazel Griffin ... each giving of their time and labor to help this beautiful and vital community outreach facility get ready for the summer season.

### COMMUNITY BUILDING **sout**ix

Trinity's (first) **TGIF Trivea Night** on May 19th was filled with . .





friendly competition, lots of laughs, 5 categories of interesting facts



and delicious treats—it was a very fun multi-generational evening shared!







## **Special Thanks** to organizer,

Alyssa Brockman and her MC (and joke sharing) partners, Jennifer & Amelia Walth

## Congratulations to the Winners! (and team to beat next time!)

TEAM: E = MCZ



# Interested in joining the Trinity Lutheran family? YOU'RE INVITED!

### TUESDAY | JUNE 13 | 7:00 PM

All those interested in becoming members of Trinity are invited to an introductory meeting (at Trinity) on the evening of Tuesday, June 13th.

### KINDLY RSVP BY JUNE 10

 $\textit{CALL OR EMAIL SUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE: } \textbf{262-334-2125} \mid \textbf{swalker@trinitywestbend.com}$ 

Then, SAVE-THE-DATE for NEW MEMBER SUNDAY | JUNE 25 | 9:30 AM

## **Stewards of His Example**

and managers of everything God has given us

STEWARDSHIP isn't a subcategory of the Christian life. Stewardship is the Christian life. After all, what is stewardship except how we regard and follow Jesus' example of inclusive love and service to one another. What is stewardship except what God has entrusted to each of us and what we do with it.

STEWARDSHIP is often misunderstood, partially grasped, or not on anyone's radar at all. Sometimes it's even confused with tithing in the bible. But, stewardship isn't a season—it's not all about financial aspects, appeals or an annual campaign. As disciples of Christ we are called, equipped and entrusted to be stewards of His example. We are called to live life for the glory of God—every day and every season.

**STEWARDSHIP—yes, even in summer!** Church attendance often decreases over the summer months—but our ministries never take a vacation. This summer, as we enjoy the beauty of God's creation through the flowers in bloom, birds singing, warm days filled with light, Monarch butterflies journeying back to Wisconsin, and special days shared with our families and friends—recognize, too, that your prayers, love and support are still needed and vital to the ministries of your church.

Stop, look, listen, take time to appreciate the season we are in and the gifts that come with it. Live, love and lead like Jesus—or at least as stewards of His example.

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## Did you know?

- Trinity has ACTIVITY BAGS to help younger kids through the worship service, Each bag contains quiet activities like; coloring books/pages, word puzzles, and reading books. The Activity Bags are hanging on a coat rack before you enter the church—if you don't see them, as an usher!
- Trinity sends out CONSTANT CONTACT EMAIL UPDATES every Wednesday morning. If you are not receiving it, check your junk box, or call the office to get signed up!

### GOD MOMENTS!

### **Look Around This Month**

Summer is a wonderful time to enjoy the wonder of God's creation. You are encouraged to take some time to stop and smell the flowers, to watch clouds float by, examine the stars, watch a butterfly be born and see all that God is doing all around you. As you walk around also pay attention to where God is at work in the community.

- Where is God drawing people together in life giving ways?
- Where is the love of God present among us?
- How is God speaking to us all right here in West Bend or maybe wherever you go on vacation or where you work?

Send your observations, your "God moments," as many are calling them to me, Pastor Dave at dschoob@trinitywestbend.com or drop off a written copy in the office. I will work on compiling your observations to share with the congregation in the fall. We can help each other be more aware of the love of God all around. This is a gift we can give each other. Have fun.





### SUMMER COMMUNITY BUILDING GATHERING BEGINNING JUNE 8

#### **COUPLES. SINGLES. FAMILIES.**

Our beautiful 7th Avenue patio area offers an opportunity for us to gather outdoors for casual conversation -and-take advantage of the sounds from Music on Main at the same time.

We meet every Thursday throughout the summer WEATHER DEPENDENT! There is no agenda, no one in charge it's just about gathering and sharing time

### BYO BEVERAGES, SNACKS, CHAIRS

(there are benches on the patio for those who cannot bring chairs).

WE START AT 6:30 PM —Trinity has a fire pit on the patio we can use if its chilly. Come when you can!

QUESTIONS: swalker@trinitywestbend.com

THIS IS THE POWER

OF LATHERING:

IT INSPIRES US

-DELIGHTFULLY
TO BE MORE HOPEFUL,

MORE JOYFUL,

MORE THOUGHTFUL:

IN A WORD,

MORE ALIVE.

ALICE WATERS



We have not been able to be a part of the West Bend Church Softball league the last few years due to covid and other issues. We missed getting in this year as well. But I am wondering if there are people who would like to get together over the summer and play a couple times—?

If there are enough interested, I will attempt to get us a diamond on a couple of dates. If this sounds fun and you are interested, then let me hear you—
Pastor Dave | dschoob@trinitywestbend.com



## Monath Caterpillars Coming Soon!

It is an exciting time, as we await the return of the Monarch butterflies to West Bend. Reports of numbers of the Eastern Monarch are favorable for 2023! I have several new milkweed plants growing in my garden. We also have milkweed plants that have popped up in the church garden that lines the alley parking spaces!

Visit the Monarch Ministry table and pick up a butterfly bookmark to color/decorate at home.
Color some for us to use at church in a display or as book marks.

Special THANKS to Tom Bulin and Diane Ferstadt for 'spring cleaning' the recycled DQ containers, and to Alyssa Brockman for searching for monarch eggs! For tips on how you can search for Monarch eggs, talk to me...

Milkweed Gram (aka Suzanne Barker)



Tuesdays on the Trail - WALK & TALK - RESUMING JUNE 6TH!

Enjoy a short half-hour morning walk on the **Eisenbahn** followed by more conversation and a beverage at **The Hub** on their new outdoor patio space!

Meet near the roundabout by The Hub at 8:30 AM for walking or join us at 9 AM at The Hub for coffee and more talk! First trail date is June 6, then weekly thereafter.



# Congratulations 2023 GRADUATES May God bless your steps and watch over you.



RYLIE DWYER KEWASKUM HIGH SCHOOL Rylie will be attending the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee in the fall and traveling as much as possible!



SOPHIA NEUMANN
WEST BEND WEST HIGH SCHOOL
Sophia will be attending University
of Minnesota Carlson School of
Management, pursuing a degree in
Marketing



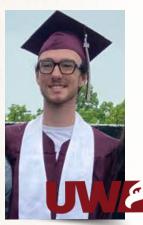
ABIGAIL CALLIES
MORAINE PARK TECHNICAL
COLLEGE | RESPIRATORY
THERAPY DEGREE Abigail
accepted a full time position at
Grafton Aurora Hospital.



EVAN BEEKMAN
MSUM MOOREHEAD, MN
FINE ARTS DEGREE IN ANIMATION
He is now living in Fargo, North
Dakota and is employed at
Lightening Media Company.



MADISON JOCHIM
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS
DEGREE (MINOR IN DIGITAL MEDIA)
Studies. She is employed with Kohls
Corporation as a Public Relations and
Social Marketing Coordinator.



HENRY ANDERSON UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LACROSSE Henry is headed straight to graduate school.



## Did you know?

- There is a calendar with Trinity activities and other information including volunteer opportunities and more located in the CONNECTION CORNER in the Heritage Room—check it out!
- Trinity has a PRAYER CHAIN and PRAYER SHAWL Ministry. To request prayers, contact one of the Pastors, the office, or email Sandy Poenitsch at spoenitsch@trinitywestbend.com. Prayer shawls are available on the Prayer Wall in the Heritage Room for anyone who may benefit from the comfort of knowing they are being prayed for. Questions, ask a Pastor or Sue in the office.
- PRAYER SHAWLS are hand made by Trinity volunteers and donated.
  If you would like to support this ministry with donations of yarn or
  funds to buy some -or- want to help knit or crochet prayer shawls, please
  let us know.



11 AM | in the Youth Room



### A HUGE AND HEARTFELT

## THANK YOU

to Children's Ministry Coordinator,
Alyssa Brockman
for a terrific and blessed year!

Not only has she been integral in helping Trinity's Children's Ministry grow, her own family grew by ONE on April 27th when Ambrose Jade Brockman was born! Ambrose is pictured above with his mom and big brother and sister in the Butterfly habitat at the Milwaukee Public Museum.

Every time we do a baptism at Trinity, all of us promise to be sure that we - as a congregation - will provide the best resources, experiences and opportunities that we can to help our children develop strong roots of faith.

As Children's Ministry Coordinator, Alyssa is instrumental in helping us keep that promise.

This year Alyssa and a wonderful group of assistants, teachers, workshop leaders, shepherds and parents have enabled Trinity to provide our children with nine months of discovery, learning and growing.

Moreover, because of their experiences in Children's Ministry, our children know that deepening their faith can be fun.

Thank You Alyssa!



ABOVE | In May the Pentecost rotation was underway and we are learning about the symbols of the dove, cross, and flame. In MAKEIT, kiddos made banners. In MOVEIT, they made fans decorated with flames and used them to keep balloons up in the air. In TELLIT, kiddos learned that God speaks all languages and that we might have different names for God. They got to draw pictures of their name for God. Trinity's Little Lambs learn about David and Goliath! They made lions to show their strength though God.





















### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

The 2022-2023 Children's Ministry year ended on May 21st with tie-dyed T-shirts sporting this year's theme to LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE! and a whole lot of fun playing MINUTE-TO-WIN-IT games ... all followed by an ice cream social with all the toppings and a cherry on top!



### THANK YOU

to all our 2022-2023 Children's Ministry

### **VOLUNTEERS**

**Nancy Hanvey** Suzie Pawlowski **Nicole Beier Alex Bergerud Penny Bergerud** Seth Bergerud **Stacey Brandt Rob Brockman April Brodzeller** Julie Brown **Charlotte Butzler** Lisa Clark **Garrett Clark Keri Davis** Kelly Doede Mitchel Doede Sue Gilbertson **Kelly Granger Ashley Granger** Nicole Hull

**Audrey Kelnhofer** Susie Kelnhofer **Nate Kenworthy Denise Kenworthy** Victoria Kenworthy **Darci Ketter April Kocinski Abby Nelson** Maureen O'Connell Keri O'Shea Melissa Parchim Sue Pawlowski Sandy Poenitsch Mary Schweiger CarlEda Skinkis Sonya Sobush Pat Thacker Renee Thacker **Phil Wagner** Jennifer Walth **Annie Wiedmeyer** 

### **BIG SHOUT OUT**

of **THANK** to

### **Peter Nelson**

for sharing his excellent and very appreciated

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

skills to capture and record in pictures Children's Ministry moments that would otherwise be lost.

THANKS also to

### **Charlotte Butzler**

for getting our Tshirt design cut and pressed -on each and every shirt!



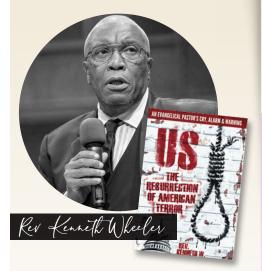
FOLLOWING IMMANUEL SERVING HAPPILY
4TH-6TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP

Please visit the **Connection Corner** in the Heritage Room for a picture recap of the

May 7th F.I.S.H. Spring Fling get together.

### **SUMMER BOOK STUDY**

For summer we are going to slow things down and give people some extra time to read this book—in part because it is summer, but also because the book is an important one in our synod.



The author of our summer read is Rev. Kenneth Wheeler. He is former assistant to the bishop in our Greater Milwaukee synod. The title of his book is US: The Resurrection of American Terror.

The terror he talks about is the terror of racism and the white supremacy that controls American life. Rev. Wheeler shares candidly his experiences of racism that span his entire life and offers a powerful call for the church and nation to seek healing for the sin of racism that infects all of us. Rev. Wheeler's honesty and wisdom pervade the book and throughout the synod is quickly becoming a must read.

I invite you to spend some time with this powerful and insightful book and join us for a discussion of the book in July.

## **SUMMER BOOK** DISCUSSION

Also anyone who wishes to talk about issues of inclusion and diversity please let Pastor Dave know and we will plan some events for the fall.



YES, IN THE EVENING!

Again in the spirit of slowing things down and trying something new we will hold ONE Bible study in the month of June.

This one session will be a study of the book of ESTHER and will include a melodramatic reading of the book by all those present. This type of study is somewhat patterned after the reading of the book during Purim in the Jewish community.

The hope is to help us incorporate the message of Esther into our modern day lives. We also hope this will be as much fun as it is informative. Plan to join us and experience a different kind of Bible Study!



THE TRINITY COMFORTERS gather on Thursday afternoons to create blankets of comfort that are distributed in and outside our community. Each blanket is made by layering three sheets.

DONATIONS of Flat cotton sheets -any size- are appreciated! ALSO, accepting donations of JEWELRY for our OCTOBER Jewelry, Book & Puzzle fundraiser.

You do not need to sew in order to help make the blankets! We are a fun group, sharing stories, prayers, and humor all while creating a blanket that will make a difference in someone's life.

HECK US OUT AT 1 PM ON THURSDAYS!



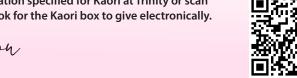
Resheshber Kaori **Caori Rosalina Ramos Benito** is the Trinity

congregation's Compassion International sponsored **child.** Kaori was born on February 10, 2013, she is now TEN years old and lives in a very poor coastal community of Pueblo Joven Huascar-B (PERU) with her parents and 3 brothers.

Your faithful support and encouragement help make a difference for Kaori and her family—physically, spiritually and with cognitive and emotional development too.

We invite you to take a moment to write Kaori a quick note letting her know that you received her photo, share photos of your own, and share some encouragement with her. Please email notes to Kaori to the church office: swalker@trinitywestbend.com . They will be forwarded (electronically) to Kaori. Your words matter, and we know Kaori would love to hear from you. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and continued support!

You can drop a donation specified for Kaori at Trinity or scan this QR code and look for the Kaori box to give electronically.





## PLEASE NOTE

## TRINITY SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

8 AM - 3:30 PM | MON - THURS CLOSED | FRIDAYS

The Pastors are always available by phone.

### TRINITY FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL UPDATE

Two big expenses that were above budget in the first quarter were:

- Snow Plowing a snowy March added to our budget for the year being spent in the first quarter.
- An insurance bill that should have been received and paid in December of last year was paid in January of this year.

So far for the first quarter expenses are on budget. On the contribution side we are currently running about \$15,000 below the amount needed to finish the year with a balanced budget.

### FAITHFUL GIVING KEEPS US STRONG

We encourage everyone to continue their faithful giving so that we can move through the summer without missing a beat. Thanks to each of you for all you do for the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church both financially and with your gifts of time and talent. It is the faithful nature of Trinity members that keep Trinity's ministries strong. *THANK YOU*.



If you filled out a commitment card for this year, we ask that you do your best to give to that commitment. If it makes things easier, consider signing up for automatic giving. To give electronically anytime -or- to set up automatic giving just scan this new QR code.

The church council and finance committee will continue to watch income and expenses going forward and will provide updates every quarter this year.



## Did you know?

- When you scan the QR code to give electronically you have options to give to the General Operating Fund (this is giving to the Budget), or to the Capital/Building Fund, for needed additional equipment or for the improvement of the church property. Trinity also has an Endowment fund intended and designated for outreach ministries and leadership development and a Memorial fund intended to help improve religious activities and atmosphere of the church.
- You can also use the QR code to designate gifts to Trinity's Compassion International sponsored child, Kaori - and/or- the Trinity CARPET fund.



ON THE DAY YOU WERE BORN, GOD DANCED,
ANGELS SANG AND THE STARS ALIGNED.
WE HOPE THAT YOUR BIRTHDAY WILL BE
A HAPPY CELEBRATION FILLED WITH BLESSINGS.

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June 2023						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 CTP Worship   9:30 AM	5	TUESDANS 6  ON THE MAIN SERVICE SERVIC	7	COMFORTERS 8  THURSDAYS ON THE  6:30 PM DEPENDENT  7 PM   NA	9 TRINITY OFFICE CLOSED	10 Liturgical Worship 4:00 PM
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